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THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அது விஷயமாக அந்த டிபார்ட்மெண்டுக்கு தெரிவித்து அதற்குத்தகுந்த ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படும்."

Firka Development Officers.

* 149 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no qualifications were prescribed for Firka Development Officers and that the posts were not advertised ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that jail qualification was considered one of the main qualifications for the post ;

(*c*) the names of the Firka Development Officers with their caste, age and educational qualifications ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Collectors were not given any choice in selecting the candidates?

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" (*a*) Yes. Although no specific qualifications were prescribed, the following considerations were borne in mind in selecting persons for the post of Firka Development Officers :—

(i) possession of necessary enthusiasm and aptitude for rural reconstruction work ;

(ii) organizing capacity ;

(iii) ability to feel at home in rural surroundings ; study the needs of the villagers with sympathy and understanding and evoke their confidence and secure their willing co-operation in pushing through schemes of rural uplift.

The posts were not advertised ; but selection was made from as wide a field as possible in consultation with leading non-official gentlemen interested in rural reconstruction.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The names, community and educational qualifications of the Firka Development Officers are as follows :—(Information regarding the caste of these officers is not readily available).

Serial number, firka and district. (1)	Name of the firka Development Officer. (2)	Community. (3)	Educational qualifications (4)
1 Hindupur (Anantapur) ..	Sri R. Balasankara Gowd ..	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	B.A.
2 Kalasapakkam (North Arcot).	,, K. Muniswami Mudaliyar.	Do. ..	S.S.L.C.
3 Kadambuliyur (South Arcot).	,, T. S. Krishnamachari ..	Brahman	M.Litt.
4 Alur (Bellary)	,, R. Hanumantha Rao ..	Do.	Intermediate, Parts II and III only.
5 Tiruvallur (Chingleput) ..	,, C. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.	Do.	B.A., B.L.
6 Palladam (Coimbatore) ..	,, S. Subbian	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	B.A.
7 Nagari (Chittoor)	,, P. R. Kumaraswami ..	Do. ..	B.A. (Hons.).
8 Proddatur (Cuddapah) ..	,, B. Ramasastry	Brahman	B.A.
9 Rajahmundry (East Godavari).	,, C. Hanumantha Rao ..	Do.	Intermediate.
10 Dendulur (West Godavari) ..	,, J. A. Ramamurthi	Do.	B.A.
11 Polavaram (West Godavari).	,, K. Ch. Raghupathi Rao.	Do.	S.S.L.C.
12 Ongole (Guntur)	,, M. Satyanarayana	Do.	S.S.L.C.

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Serial number, firka and district. (1)	Name of the Firka Development Officer. (2)	Community. (3)	Educational qualifications. (4)
13 Kumbla (South Kanara) ..	Sri. K. M. Babu Shetty ..	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	S.S.L.C. (Secondary Grade Trained Teacher's Certificate Holder).
14 Bezwada (Kistna)	„ D. Suryaprakasa Rao ..	Brahman	Intermediate. Has undergone the B.A. degree course but has not passed the B.A. degree examination.
15 Kurnool (Kurnool)	„ B. Ramakrishna Reddy.	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	Intermediate.
16 Tirumangalam (Madura) ..	„ N. Subbiah	Do. ..	Intermediate, Secondary Grade Trained Teacher.
17 Tellicherry (Malabar) ..	„ N. P. Damodaran ..	Do. (Tiya) ..	B.A.
18 Kanupur (Nellore)	„ G. Padmanabhiah ..	Brahman	B.A.
19 Kundah (Nilgiris)	„ M. Halayya	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	M.A.
20 Malli (Ramnad)	„ V. Venkataswami ..	Do. ..	B.A., L.T.
21 Veerapandy (Salem)	„ V. Venkataramanappa ..	Scheduled Caste ..	S.S.L.C.
22 Saliyamangalam (Tanjore) ..	„ N. S. Krishnamurthi Ayyar.	Brahman	B.A., B.L.
23 Shermadevi (Tinnevelly) ..	„ N. Tirumalachari ..	Do.	Intermediate. Has passed one part of B.A. degree examination.
24 Musiri (Trichinopoly) ..	„ J. Nataraja Ayyar ..	Do. ..	S.S.L.C.
25 Gara (Vizagapatam North) ..	„ B. Krishnamurthy ..	Do. ..	Intermediate.
26 Pendurthi (Vizagapatam South).	„ M. Kameswara Rao ..	Do. ..	S.S.L.C.
27 Madugula (Vizagapatam Agency).	„ B. Dwaraka Dixit ..	Do. ..	S.S.L.C.
28 Vellakoil centre	„ K. C. Songappan ..	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	B.A.
29 Avanashi centre	„ S. R. Wellingdon ..	Indian Christian ..	B.A., B.T.
30 Puliankurichi centre	„ V. O. C. Arumugam Pillai.	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	S.S.L.C. Has passed the Government Technical examinations in Book-keeping, Banking, Auditing (Higher) and Co-operation.
31 Tuni (Uratla *cum* Tuni) centre.	Post Vacant	.. ..	
32 Guruvareddipalem centre ..	Sri P. R. Bavaji	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	S.S.L.C.
33 Yerragundapalem centre ..	„ K. Chandramouleswara Rao.	Brahman	B.A.
Payyanur *cum* Nileshwar centre.	„ A. Achuthan	Non-Brahman Hindu ..	S.S.L.C.

"The information regarding the age of the Firka Development Officers is not readily available. It will be obtained and furnished, if necessary."

"(*d*) As the Government attach very great importance to the Rural Reconstruction Scheme, selection was made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister himself."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"As the answer has been printed and circulated to all hon. Members, may I suggest that the Prime Minister need not go through it again?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—"Yes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether the Hon. the Prime Minister, before he made the selection invited through anybody applications before making these appointments?"

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"முக்யமான டிபார்ட்மெண்டார் அவர்களால் தகுதியிருல் அதைப்பற்றி வேண்டியவர்களை யோசித்துத்தான் அதற்கு முடிவு செய்திருக்கிருர்கள்."

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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether one of the conditions insisted upon for appointment as Firka Development Officers was interest in Khadi? I mean that every candidate must show that he has got interest in Khadi which is after all only one of the cottage industries."

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" முக்கியமாக எல்லா பிர்க்காக்களிலும் கதர் அபிவிருத்தி செய்யவேண்டுமென்ற எண்ணத்தோடு கதர் விஷயம் தெரிந்தவர்களையும் கிராம புனருத்தாரணம் விஷயங்களைப்பற்றி தெரிந்தவர்களைச் சேர்த்து appoint செய்திருக்கிறார்கள்."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the fact that spinning and weaving is only one of the several cottage industries included in the rural development scheme, may I know why every candidate should be insisted upon to have an interest in Khadi? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அம்மாதிரி ஜாதி மத பிரிவினைகளைப்பற்றிய விஷயங்களை மனதில் வைத்துக்கொண்டு அவர்களை நியமிக்கவில்லை."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that on account of this insistence on interest in Khadi, the candidates belonging to communities which do not believe in Khadi are completely excluded from being appointed as officers? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அப்படி ஒன்றும் இல்லை."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" My question does not refer any distinction on the basis of caste."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" May I point out to the hon. Member that in a previous answer it is stated that interest in Khadi is essential. Therefore, this question does not arise."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" On account of the insistence on having interest in Khadi, are not persons belonging to certain schools of thought who do not believe in Khadi, excluded from being appointed as officers, though this Khadi scheme is only one of the several cottage industries included in the rural development scheme? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may question it, but when once Government say that it is one of the important items of the rural development scheme, he cannot further go on putting questions on it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Government whether aptitude for rural reconstruction work is confined to Khadi wearers only? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" நான் இதற்கு முன்னமேயே சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். ஆகையால் நான் இல்லை என்பது தெரியும்."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, which Prime Minister made these appointments, whether it is the present Prime Minister or the previous Prime Minister? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I suppose the hon. Member knows that."

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THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" நான் முன்னமேயே சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன் மனதில் வைத்துக்கொண்டு, யார் யார் அதற்கு தகுந்தவர்களோ அவர்களை அதற்குத் தகுந்தபடி அப்பொழுது appoint செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether the present Prime Minister will consider the advisability of appointing communities whose members have not been appointed to these posts? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" முன்னமேயே சொன்னேன் மனதில் வைத்துக்கொண்டு அதை appoint பண்ணியிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று. ஆகையால் நான் அதற்குமேல் ஒன்றும் சொல்ல தயாராக இல்லை."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the fact that this list does not contain a single Muslim, may I know whether all Muslims have been generally excluded from being appointed under this rural development scheme? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I have nothing more to add."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether according to this scheme, Government do not want to improve the conditions of Muslims in this Presidency? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அப்படி ஒன்றும் இல்லை."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it a fact that there is no Muslim available who is competent to be appointed as a Firka Development Officer? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" அதை முன்னமேயே சொல்லிவிட்டேன். திரும்பத்திரும்ப பதில் சொல்வதற்கு இல்லை."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether there are officers called village development officers working under the Firka Development Officers? "

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" பிர்க்கா டெவலப்மெண்டு ஆபீசரைப்பற்றிதான் இப்பொழுது பேசப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பிர்க்கா டெவலப்மெண்டு ஆபீசர் காட்டேஜ் இண்டஸ்டிரீஸ் ஆபீசர்களைவைத்து appoint பண்ணியிருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது பேசுவது பிர்க்கா டெவலப்மெண்டு ஆபீசரைப்பற்றி."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Collectors were consulted before these appointments were finally made? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think it is part of the question. The answer must be there."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The answer is there but the question is not as to who made the appointments but whether the Collectors were consulted."

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I shall enquire into the matter but notice is required."

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ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" This is based upon the answer given already."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. the Minister says that if further information is required, he wants notice."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The answer is that the Prime Minister himself appointed these officers. Does it not mean that the Collectors were not consulted? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may have his own inference. But, if he wants confirmation, the hon. Minister requires notice."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The answer given carries with it the necessary inference which must flow from it on a reading of the English language."

Retired Gazetted officers re-employed after December **1946.**

* 150 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of retired Gazetted officers who were continued under re-employment even after December 1946 in various departments under the Government;

(*b*) how many of them are Muslims and Christians;

(*c*) if the policy of the Government is not to keep any more retired officers after December 1946 why some officers were allowed to continue under re-employment;

(*d*) how long these officers will be allowed to continue under the re-employment rules;

(*e*) whether there are any special qualifications which entitled them to be continued in employment even in 1947; and

(*f*) whether any retired Muslim officer has been continued in service after 1946; and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*f*) In respect of seven retired and re-employed gazetted officers the Government sanctioned the continuance under re-employment after December 1946. Of them one is a Christian and none are Muslims.

" Communal considerations do not come in, in re-employing retired officers of continuing them under re-employment.

" (*c*) to (*e*) Retired officers had to be kept on in service as enough qualified and suitable candidates could not be secured in the ordinary way. These officers are being replaced as and when qualified and suitable candidates become available. They will be completely replaced when such candidates become available for all posts."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that Muslim retired officers who were asked again by the